

CHS CHECKUP



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NEWS BRIEFS

BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive at the Capital Plaza Holiday Inn on July 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

No appointment is necessary, it will be a first come first serve.

If you have questions you may call the American Red Cross at 223-1795.

RETIREMENT

After 26 years with the Certificate of Need office, Jayne Arnold will retire on Aug. 1. A reception will be held in Jayne's honor on Wednesday, July 31 from 1-3 p.m. in the Health Services Board Room and all are invited to come and wish her well.

FISCAL YEAR CLOSING

A big thank you for all the effort employees have put forth in assisting with the preparation for the closing of State Fiscal Year 2002. We will complete the closing this week and we are very appreciative of the teamwork exhibited in achieving the tasks necessary to meet the closing deadline.



TIP OF THE WEEK

Children are exposed to a wide range of disease-causing agents. But young children don't yet have a full-strength immune system to protect them. That's why it's important that your child's immunizations be up-to-date and complete.

Central State Nurse Receives Honor

Haydee Canovas, who works as a nurse at Central State Hospital in Louisville, was named the first National Hispanic Nurse of the Year in a ceremony on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

This honor was bestowed by the National Association of Hispanic Nurses in May. Canovas, who was born in Maryland and moved to Louisville from Florida, is completing work on a master's degree in nursing at the University of Louisville.

Canovas works primarily with CSH's General Psychiatric Program. As a staff nurse, she provides and coordinates direct care to over 20 severely mentally ill persons.

Canovas won the award primarily for her volunteer work with the Hispanic community in Kentucky and Southern Indiana.

One of her first accomplishments came when she was volunteering at the Family Health Center of Clark County in Jeffersonville, Ind., while a U of L undergraduate. In 1997, she started an indigent drug program at the facility, applying to pharmaceutical companies to receive free medications for poor patients.

Canovas was a founder of the Kentucky Hispanic Nurses Association. She was inspired while working in a local hospital's emergency room. The purpose of the group, according to Canovas, is to organize so Hispanic nurses could volunteer together and to inspire other Hispanics to join the field.

Mary Lou deLeon Siantz, president of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses and an associate dean of graduate studies at Georgetown University said that Canovas "has been a real trailblazer there in Louisville."

— *From The Courier-Journal.*



Public Health employees enjoy the festivities at a year-end party thrown June 27 by Commissioner Rice Leach.



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